

# **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RECREATION FEE PROGRAM SUMMARY FY11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**NAME OF FEE PROJECT:** AZ22 Lower Sonoran Field Office Special  
Recreation Permits

**STATE:** AZ

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## **AREA DESCRIPTION:**

The area, characterized as Lower Sonoran Desert, is best described as 1.4 million surface acres on public lands in south-central Arizona mainly south and west of the Phoenix metropolitan area. This fee project was established for fees related to issuance of commercial/competitive special recreation permits on the Lower Sonoran Field Office (LSFO) and Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM), Phoenix District Office. The Special Recreation Permit Program at the LSFO and SDNM authorizes activities such as jeep tours and equestrian events.

## **FEE SCHEDULE:**

The SRP fee schedule for commercial activities is established nationally for all BLM field offices. Fee receipts derived from recreational commercial, competitive, and organized group event SRPs are routinely calculated using national fee schedule guidance found in BLM Recreation Permit Administration Manual H-2930-1, Section III.G., as established by 43 CFR 2930. As of March 2011, the SRP fee schedule is the following:

- Commercial permits are the maximum of \$100 or 3% of the gross revenue.
- Competitive permits are the maximum of \$100, 3% of gross revenue or \$5 per participant/day.
- Organized group-use is \$5 per person per day or \$100, whichever is greater.

## **SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN FY11:**

**Visitor Services, Interpretation:** Recreation fee revenues were used to provide visitor services and interpretation at the Saddle Mountain National Public Lands Day Event and the Gila Bend Shrimp Festival.

## **PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR FY12:**

Using recreation fee revenues, the following projects/activities are planned:

- The BLM will conduct a National Public Lands Day celebration event at the Saddle Mountain Special Recreation Management Area with the assistance of the Friends of Saddle Mountain. Attendees will learn about the SRP program.
- The LSFO plans to enter into an agreement with the Tonto Recreation Alliance Leaders (TRAL) to help coordinate permits in the Apache Junction area.
- The LSFO plans to purchase informational and directional signs to be posted in areas where SRPs activity takes place. Current SRP permit holders will assist in the installation of these signs.